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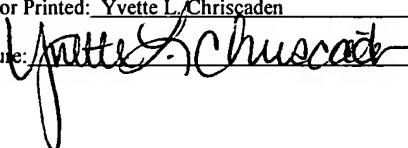
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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief dated November 7, 2006. The shortened period for response extends to December 7, 2006. Please note the enclosed Remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

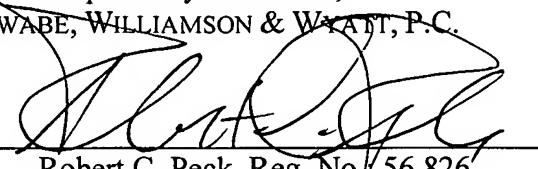
Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the Patent Appeal Center Specialist's finding that Applicants' appeal brief is non-compliant.

In the Specialist's November 7, 2006 communication, the Specialist stated that Applicants' brief does not comply with 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv). More specifically, the Specialist asserts that the "Status of Amendments" section of Applicants' brief is incorrect. According to the Examiner, Applicants filed an amendment after final, but failed to note the amendment in the appeal brief.

Applicants agree that Applicants filed a response to the Examiner's final rejection. That response, however, did not amend the claims in any way, but simply provided additional arguments. As such, Applicants made no "amendment filed subsequent to final rejection" (see 37 CFR 41.37(c)(1)(iv)). Thus, Applicants correctly noted in "Status of Amendments" that Applicants made no amendments after the Examiner's final rejection.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the finding of non-compliance.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present paper, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (206) 407-1513. If any fees are due in connection with this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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